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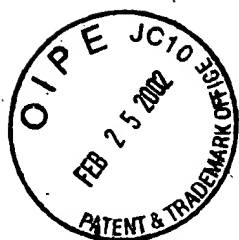
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For: SPINDLE-SHAPED GOETHITE PARTICLES,
SPINDLE-SHAPED HEMATITE PARTICLES,
SPINDLE-SHAPED MAGNETIC METAL PARTICLES
CONTAINING IRON AS MAIN COMPONENT AND
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME



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February 25, 2002

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Official citation and consideration of all the attached documents is requested. Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP §609] with the next communication.

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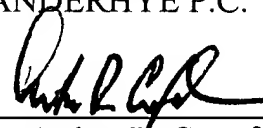
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